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WLL SERVICE IN REMOTE AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether WLL Telephone service has not been provided by the Government in the remote and tribal areas of the country particularly in Maharashtra so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Government to provide WLL telephone service in these areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) The coverage and expansion of telecom services including Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephone service is a continuous process and most of the remote and tribal areas of the country including Maharashtra have been covered. Circle- wise details of the capacity of WLL telephone services provided in rural areas of the country and remote & tribal areas in Maharashtra Telecom Circle through WLL telephone service are placed at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c) & (d) There is a plan to progressively cover almost all the rural areas including remote & tribal areas with WLL telephone services by the year 2007.

ANNEXURE – I

DETAILS OF WLL TELEPHONE CAPACITY IN RURAL AREAS (including Remote/Tribal Areas) upto 31.1.2006

S.No. Name of Circle WLL Capacity

1.	Andaman & Nicobar	4000
2.	Andhra Pradesh	210250
3.	Assam	55250
4.	Bihar	131000
5.	Chhattisgarh	60850
6.	Gujarat	69350
7.	Haryana	37600
8.	Himachal Pradesh	29750
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	14000
10.	Jharkhand	63500
11.	Karnataka	153500
12.	Kerala	350750
13.	Madhya Pradesh	28400
14.	Maharashtra	278250
15.	North East-I	17500
16.	North East-II	21000
17.	Orissa	101500
18.	Punjab	67700
19.	Rajasthan	68500
20.	Tamil Nadu	132250
21.	Uttaranchal	41500
22.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	190250
23.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	67800
24.	West Bengal	97000
25.	Kolkatta	0
26.	Chennai	9810
Total		2301260

ANNEXURE-II

Details about coverage of remote & tribal areas in Maharashtra

S.No. SSA Name of Station

1. Kalyan Dahanu
2. Kalyan Palghar
3. Kalyan Shahapur
4. Kalyan Wada
5. Nasik Satana
6. Nasik Trimbakeshwar
7. Chandrapur Bhadrawati
8. Chandrapur Chimur
9. Dhule Nandurbar Tel Exchange
10. Dhule Shirpur
11. Gadchiroli Gadchiroli
12. Gadchiroli Chamorshi
13. Jalgaon Chopda
14. Kalyan Bhiwandi/Ambadi
15. Kalyan Bhiwandi
16. Kalyan Talasari
17. Nanded Kinwat
18. Nasik Dindori
19. Nasik Kalwan/Deola
20. Nasik Satana/Jaikheda
21. Yeotmal Maregaon/Pusad